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SUBJ: UNDP - 18TH GOVERNING COUNCIL - ITEM 13,
ETHIOPIAN DROUGHT

1. SUMMARY: SIX-HOUR DISCUSSION OF ETHIOPIAN DROUGHT NIGHT OF JUNE 11 AND MORNING OF JUNE 13 INITIATED BY UNDP ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR DOO KINGUE AND ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT CHIEF MINISTER FOR RELIEF AND REHABILITATION. THEY STRESSED SERIOUS, GROWING NATURE OF DROUGHT, AND COMPLICATING FLOODS, AND CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE GOVERNING COUNCIL APPROVAL OF \$2 MILLION INTERMEDIATE AND LONGER-TERM REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE FROM UNDP PROGRAM RESERVE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1976. THIRTY-FIVE DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING US, SUPPORTED DRAFT RESOLUTIONS BY NIGERIA AND IRAQ WHICH WERE CONSOLIDATED AND APPROVED BY CONSENSUS. JOINT RESOLUTION FOCUSES ON CONTINUING DROUGHT IN ETHIOPIA AND SERIOUS IMPACT OF MIGRANTS ARRIVING IN SUDAN FROM WEST AND EAST IN INCREASING NUMBERS. END SUMMARY.

2. AT LATE NIGHT SESSION JUNE 11 ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR
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AFRICA DOO KINGUE AND RGE CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR RELIEF AND

REHABILITATION (SHIMELIS ADUGNA) PRESENTED UP-TO-DATE REPORT ON DROUGHT SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA. DOO KINGUE INDICATED NATIONAL DROUGHT RELIEF COMMISSION HAS BEEN REPLACED BY NATIONAL RELIEF AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION WITH SUBSTANTIAL STRENGTHENING OF NEW COMMISSION STAFF WITH INCREASED AUTHORITY. RECENT FLOODING SITUATION IN NORTH NOW UNDER CONTROL, THOUGH IN DROUGHT AREA OVER 340,000 PEOPLE AFFECTED BY CROP FAILURE AND THIS NUMBER MAY GO AS HIGH AS 900,000. DOO KINGUE FURTHER STATED THAT ORIGINAL \$3 MILLION UNICEF ASSISTANCE HAS RECENTLY BEEN DOUBLED TO \$6 MILLION, THOUGH LACK OF SUITABLE TRANSPORT CONTINUES TO BE PRINCIPAL BOTTLENECK TO OVERALL RELIEF EFFORT. THERE CONTINUES LIMITED EMERGENCY AIRLIFT SUPPORTED BY FUNDS FROM US AND SWITZERLAND. UNDP WILL REPORT FURTHER TO SUMMER ECOSOC AS REQUIRED BY RESOLUTION 1453 (LVI). THIS REPORT AND COMMISSION'S EFFORTS WILL STRESS NEED TO SHIFT FROM EMERGENCY RELIEF TO LONGER-TERM REHABILITATION. SHIMELIS ADUGNA EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE OF 33 BILATERAL DONORS PLUS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NGOS. NEVERTHELESS, DROUGHT SPREADING TO OVER 3 MILLION PEOPLE WITH 8 OF ETHIOPIA'S 14 PROVINCES AFFECTED. COMMISSION NOW ESTIMATES RELIEF AID WILL BE REQUIRED THROUGH 1975 AND THAT GOVERNING COUNCIL DECISION AT 18TH SESSION URGENT SINCE TIME RUNNING OUT.

3. THIRTY-FIVE DELEGATIONS SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF UNDP MEDIUM- AND LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA UP TO \$2 MILLION FROM PROGRAM RESERVE. AT EARLY POINT IN DISCUSSION, NIGERIA INTRODUCED DRAFT DECISION (A) ACCEPTING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT DP/60, (B) EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR GIVEN AND PLEDGED ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA BY UN ORGANIZATIONS AND BY BILATERAL AND VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND (C) AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE UP TO \$2 MILLION FOR DROUGHT RELATED ACTIVITIES FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976 AND TO CHARGE COST OF THESE UNDP PROGRAMS TO PROGRAM RESERVE. US DELEGATE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR RESPONSIVE APPROACH IN DP/60 AND JOINED IN COUNCIL CONSENSUS ALONG LINES OF NIGERIAN RESOLUTION. HE ALSO PLEDGED THAT US BILATERAL ASSISTANCE EFFORTS WOULD BE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED IN DROUGHT STRIKEN AREAS OF ETHIOPIA WITH THOSE OF UNDP AND OTHER UN AGENCIES. US DELEGATE SUPPORTED NETHERLANDS DELEGATION CONCERN, AS WELL AS CONCERN OF SUDAN AND KUWAIT, FOR FUNDAMENTAL ANALYSIS OF WIDESPREAD DROUGHT IN SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION, WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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EARLY DISCUSSIONS AT 19TH SESSION OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL IN JANUARY 1975.

4. SUDAN, IN LENGTHY INTERVENTION, DETAILED SERIOUS PROBLEM OF INFLUX OF MIGRANTS CROSSING WESTERN BORDER OF HIS COUNTRY (OVER 50,000 MIGRANTS HAVING ENTERED SUDAN TO DATE) AND UNSPECIFIED LARGE NUMBER OF MIGRANTS ENTERING SUDAN OVER EASTERN BORDER FROM ETHIOPIA. GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN MUST SUPPLY MIGRANTS WITH

MINIMAL FOOD REQUIREMENTS AND ALSO RELIEF LOCAL INDIGENOUS POPULATION OF TENSIONS CREATED BY INFLUX OF MIGRANTS OVER BOTH BORDERS. SUDAN DELEGATE REQUESTED \$3.1 MILLION IN ASSISTANCE FOR FOOD, GRAINS, INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS, AND 300,000 JUTE SACKS. SUDAN REQUEST SUPPORTED BY SOMALIA DELEGATE, THOUGH HE RAISED SERIOUS QUESTION ABOUT PROGRAM RESERVE ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA STRESSING NEED FOR RGE SELF-RELIANCE. IN CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION OF SUDAN EMERGENCY, IRAQ DELEGATE INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING EARLIER RESOLUTION OF NIGERIA CALLING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO PROBLEM OF REFUGEE INFLUX FROM NEIGHBORING DROUGHT-STRIKEN COUNTRIES ACROSS BORDERS INTO SUDAN AND REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR TO FOLLOW-UP ASSESSMENT OF SUCH SITUATIONS WITH RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AND FOR UNDP TO RESPOND, TO MAXIMUM EXTENT RESOURCES OF PROGRAM PERMIT, TO REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE BY AFFECTED COUNTRIES AND THOSE LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED.
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